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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

ROBINS et al.

Application No.: 10/045,287

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
VIRTUAL NETWORK CONNECTION  
MERGING

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In conjunction with the RCE submitted herewith, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 14, 2005 in the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.